

Recognitions at March 2007 State Board Meeting

- **Former Board Chair Honored**

Current State Board chair John Tindal (right) presents a gavel plaque to former chair Joe Isaac in honor of Isaac's service as head of the panel. Isaac represents Georgetown and Horry counties on the State Board of Education and is a retired high school administrator residing at Pawley's Island.



- **Spartanburg Superintendent wins SCASA citation**

Dr. Jim Ray (center), superintendent of Spartanburg School District Three, is accompanied by his wife, Sharon, as State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex (right) extends congratulations on Ray's being named Superintendent of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA). Also shown are SCASA executive director Molly Spearman (far left) and State Board member Libby Swad. Ray was also the William B. Harley Award winner for contributions to public education in 2004.



- **Richland Two Administrator top secondary assistant principal**

State Superintendent Jim Rex stands with Lori Marrero of Richland Northeast High School in Richland School District Two after she was named SCASA Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year for 2007. Also shown are SCASA executive director Molly Spearman (far left) and Dr. Cheryl Washington, Richland Two deputy superintendent. Marrero has worked in education for more than 23 years. She supervises Richland Northeast's five magnet programs.



- **Elementary Principal of the Year**

State Superintendent Jim Rex congratulates Mary Reynolds, South Carolina's Elementary Principal of the Year. She is also the National Association of Elementary School Principals "Distinguished Principal." Reynolds serves as principal of W.B. Goodwin Elementary School in Charleston County and has been an administrator for 10 years. While she was principal at Chicora Elementary, it went from a failing school to achieving Adequate Yearly Progress in 2005 and receiving a Silver Medallion for significant improvement. Goodwin Elementary earned the 2006 National Change Award from Fordham Graduate School. It's the first South Carolina school to receive this award and one of only six in the nation to be so honored.



- **Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year**

State Superintendent Jim Rex (right) extends congratulations to Virginia "Ginger" Catoe, the state's Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year. She's been an educator for more than 16 years and works at Doby's Mill Elementary School in Kershaw County. Catoe is the daughter of a former high school principal and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Palmetto State Teachers Association, and the South Carolina Council of the International Reading Association. She was accompanied by Doby's Mill principal Dr. Glenn Huggins.



- **Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year**

State Superintendent Dr. Jim Rex congratulates Elizabeth Williams (center) as the Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year. She works at Hand Middle School in Richland School District One. Williams is a 16-year school veteran. She works closely with teachers and students to find new and innovative ways to promote student achievement. As a member of the Renaissance Team at Hand Middle, Williams promotes and integrates the arts throughout her school and community. At left is Molly Spearman, executive director of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.



- **Principal of the Year**

State Superintendent Jim Rex congratulates Creig Tyler, the MetLife/NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) “Principal of the Year” and South Carolina’s Secondary Principal of the Year. He has been an administrator for 20 years, serving the last four as principal at Lexington High School in Lexington School District One. Lexington High is a National Blue Ribbon School and was recently named a Palmetto’s Finest School. Tyler has been president of the Secondary Division of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and of the South Carolina High School League’s Executive Committee. He is NASSP’s South Carolina coordinator and is a member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Also shown from left are SCASA executive director Molly Spearman, State Board member Amelia Herlong and Tyler’s wife, Gilda.



- **District Level**

- Administrator of the Year**

State Superintendent Jim Rex congratulates Dr. Wayne Brazell (center), SCASA’s District Level Administrator of the Year. Dr. Brazell has been the assistant superintendent for instruction in Lexington School District One for the past seven years. He has 34 years of experience as an educator, including five years as a principal. Dr. Brazell has been an active member of SCASA for over 20 years and has served on several key committees. He also was recognized as the Lexington Kiwanian of the Year in 2005 for his work with local projects and is an active member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. He was recently named superintendent in Laurens School District 56. Also shown from left are SCASA executive director Molly Spearman and State Board member Amelia Herlong. Dr. Brazell’s wife, Debra (right), accompanied him for the recognition ceremony.

